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## AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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Invention: DATA PROCESSING APPARATUS AND DATA PROCESSING METHOD

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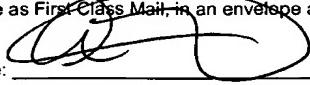
  
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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 29, 2006, finally rejecting claims 1, 4-9, 12-16, 19, 22-26, 29-33, 36, 39-43 and 46, the following reply is presented with respect to the above-identified U.S. patent application.